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**RE: APPROVAL
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SANDIA
CANYON WETLAND GRADE-CONTROL STRUCTURE
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID#NM0890010515**

Dear Messrs. Maggiore and Graham:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Request for Extension for the Construction of the Sandia Canyon Wetland Grade-Control Structure* (Request) dated May 23, 2012 and referenced by EP2012-0115.

The Permittees request a one-year extension from July 1, 2012 to July 1, 2013 to complete construction of the Sandia Canyon wetland grade-control structure. The Permittees state in the Request that more time than originally anticipated is necessary to receive approval from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for construction of an access road into Sandia Canyon. Furthermore, because of the delay in receiving the approval from USFWS, additional time might be needed to assure that soil-disturbing activities are not carried out during the summer storm season. The Permittees have shown good cause for an extension. NMED hereby approves the requested extension. The Permittees must complete construction of the Sandia Canyon wetland

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grade-control structure no later than **July 1, 2013** and submit a completion report no later than **October 1, 2013**.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jerzy Kulis of my staff at (505) 476-6039.

Sincerely,



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